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FOR: SHUAA (EYES ALONE) CITE: SSUAA SIGNED: QUINN.

GENERAL MADDOCKS CABLED GENERAL WEDEMEYER FOR STATEMENT OF RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN USAFIC AND SSU CT. FOR YOUR INFO ONLY FOLLOWING IS PARAPHRASE OF TOP SECRET CABLE SENT IN REPLY, PENDING GENERAL WEDEMEYER'S RETURN TO WASHINGTON ABOUT 15 MAY, THIS IS INTERIM REPLY. IT IS IMPRACTICABLE TO DELINEATE IN DETAIL RESPONSIBILITIES OF SSU CT IN ITS RELATIONSHIP TO USAFIC AS REQUESTED IN YOUR PARA 1 C. USAFIC SHOULD ASSIGN MISSIONS TO SSU, AN OPERATING AGENCY, BUT SHOULD PERMIT SSU TO ACCOMPLISH THESE MISSIONS AS THEY DETERMINE WITHIN REASONABLE LIMITS. RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON MAY ASSIGN MISSIONS TO SSU BUT EXECUTION OF THESE MISSIONS IS NOT TO INTERFERE WITH ACCOMPLISHMENT OF USAFIC MISSIONS. APPROPRIATE INDIVIDUALS OF HEADQUARTERS USAFIC WILL, IN GENERAL, HAVE ACCESS TO SSU FILES AND RECORDS EXCEPT THAT THE CHIEF, SSU CT, MAY AT HIS DISCRETION WITHHOLD FILES CONCERNING OPERATIONS DIRECTED FROM WASHINGTON. USAFIC WILL CLEAR ALL SSU MESSAGES RELATIVE TO OPERATIONS ASSIGNED BY USAFIC. REFERENCE SHOULD BE MADE TO OPD CONCERNING DISPUTES OR DOUBTS UPON SUBJECT OF FILES OR OTHER SUBJECTS; OPD WILL COORDINATE WITH SSU HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON. GENERAL WEDEMEYER AND COLONEL QUINN DESIRE STRONGLY THAT SSU CHINA CONTINUE, AS IN THE PAST, TO WORK WITH USAFIC. MUTUAL CONFIDENCE AND TRUST ARE NECESSARY FOR SUCCESSFUL OPERATIONS AND WITHOUT THEM THE EFFECTIVENESS OF SSU IN CHINA WILL, WITHOUT QUESTION, BE SERIOUSLY CURTAILED. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE GROUNDWORK TO ACHIEVE THE ABOVE OBJECTIVES FOR SUCCESSFUL OPERATION WILL BE LAID BY THE CONTEMPLATED PERSONNEL CHANGES IN SSU CT, OF WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN INFORMED. THE ABOVE HAS BEEN SEEN AND CONCURRED IN BY COLONEL QUINN. END PARAPHRASE.

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